

Born, on the night of the 19th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Robinson, a son.

Charlie Thomas, of near Rush Hill, is visiting his uncle, C. I. Thomas, at Salem, Mo.

Hon. and Mrs. E. A. Shannon, of Jefferson City, attended the funeral of Roy Mitchell here Saturday.

Mrs. Homer Haggard, of Havana, Cuba, is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. G. Gass, and other relatives in this city.

About one-half the students at Skullick school north of Thompson are confined to their homes with the grippe.

The Rev. F. L. White of this city, filled his regular appointment at Littleby Baptist church Sunday morning. Mrs. White and their small son accompanied him. Late in the afternoon as they returned home they experienced some very bad roads and consequently found the going very rough. Rev. White said "it took us just four and one-half hours to make the nine miles we had to travel." Mrs. White lost a very valuable fur muff on the way, a keepsake, which she hopes may soon be found.

The boys of the Christian Church held their annual get-together banquet Friday night. The classes of L. R. Ferris, P. L. Hanly and Chas. Squires. The boys discussed the proposed project for a gymnasium, swimming pool and other important improvements for the church property.

IMITATING LADDONIA FULTON STARTS PRO. CO.

Fifty-nine shares of stock in the Kingdom Produce Company, the organization of which was begun at the Kingdom of Callaway banquet last Tuesday night, was sold before the banqueters left the parlors of the Christian church that evening, says the Gazette.

According to the plans announced in a report of the special committee of the Commercial Club, 200 shares are to be issued at a par value of \$50 each, one-half of the stock to be paid up. Many of those who subscribed stock Tuesday night bought two shares each.

The remainder of the stock will be sold in a personal campaign by members of the special committee. The campaign will be begun at once.

The establishment of a co-operative produce buying concern in Fulton was the main theme of the talks made at the banquet, and the sale of stock was announced by J. R. Baker after the banquet program. A number of farmers are among those who subscribed.

J. F. Parker, of Laddonia, made an address at the banquet. Mr. Parker knows somewhat of the things they have accomplished in co-operation at Laddonia.

If You Want to Take Up

A. GOVERNMENT. HOMESTEAD. BUY A GOOD FARM CHEAP, GO INTO THE DAIRY BUSINESS, START A STORE, OPEN A BANK OR BUILD A FACTORY, IN A GROWING TOWN THAT HAS A FUTURE... THERE ARE SOME SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES, FOR MEN WHO REALLY MEAN BUSINESS, IN WESTERN NEBRASKA, SOUTHERN MONTANA, WYOMING AND NORTHERN COLORADO. A LETTER WITH DETAILS TO BUSINESS AND LOCATION THAT INTERESTS YOU THE MOST WILL BRING YOU A FOLDER, FILLED WITH FACTS AND FIGURES THAT WILL GIVE YOU FOOD FOR THOUGHT. (Neither the railroad or myself have any land for sale, I am simply employed by the Company to help you find a location that suits you, and my services are free.) S. B. HOWARD, Immigration Agent, C. B. & Q. R. R., Room 28, Q Building, Omaha Nebraska.

T. L. MARSHALL,
Ticket Agent.

"IS THERE A HELL?"

St. Louis Preacher Says Its No Subject to Jest About.

"There is three times as much said about Hell in the Bible as about heaven," said Rev. George L. Hale, pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist church, at St. Louis, in a sermon last Sunday night on the subject, "Is There a Hell?"

Dr. Hale is conducting his own revival every night at the church. He said in part:

"Is There a Hell?" "We should approach this question with profound reverence. It would be just as much out of place to laugh and jest about people wounded and killed in a railroad wreck, or burned in a destructive fire, as to jest about the subject of hell."

"There always have been a few people who did not believe in hell, but they have been largely on the Elbert Hubbard and 'Pastor' Russell types."

"That there is a hell is believed by practically all Christendom, is taught by the Bible, and declared by the laws of nature."

"Some objectors to the orthodox belief in hell, think hell to be a fact. How terrible a thing may be and yet be true remains to be seen. The Johnstown and Galveston floods were terrible, but they were facts; the sinking of the Titanic and Lusitania was terrible, but true. The ravages of the war across the ocean are terrible, but true. If a thing is to be argued out of existence because it is 'terrible,' why not argue these facts of history out of existence? Certainly they are terrible enough."

"It is worth while to remember that there is three times as much said about hell in the Bible as about heaven and the two-thirds of all that is said on the subject in the New Testament came from the lips of Jesus himself."

"One of the fundamental laws of government is based on the Bible doctrine of hell namely, the punishment of the guilty, and the protection of the innocent. Every prison house in the land is a declaration of somebody's belief in a hell."

REASON FOR CONTINUING PRISON CONTRACTS OUTLINED

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 19.—In a statement tonight by Senator Sam B. Cook, chairman of the Senate Committee on Penitentiary, he gives the reasons for those who favor a continuation of the contract system.

The statement, after an explanation of the Taylor Bill, which proposes to extend the system for three years at the rate of \$1 per day per man, 20 per cent of which goes to the convict, says no steps should be taken to abolish the system until the revenue of the State are sufficient to meet the present deficit.

It is argued by Senator Cook that before the State undertakes to place the prison upon a purely experimental basis provision should be made for sufficient revenue to take care of it.

He estimates that with the contracts abolished there will be an annual deficit in the earnings of the institution of not less than \$500,000.

He argues that the prison should be conducted on a basis least expensive to the law-abiding people of the State consistent with proper treatment of the convicts. There are, he says, a number of visionary sentimentalists advocating a change. For himself, he says, he favors humane treatment in handling of criminals, but wants humanity tempered with a little common sense.

He further says that a great majority of the inmates of the prison are better fed, better housed and better clothed to-day than at any time in their lives.

"I'm From Missouri." There have been many explanations as to the origin of this expression says the Kansas City Star.

One of the latest explanations was made by Matt Knapp of Kansas City. He explained that the marriage laws of Missouri in the early days were so loose that anyone could get married without answering many questions. In 1881 a law was passed making it a misdemeanor for a minister or a justice to marry persons not having a State license and setting the age of marriageable women at 18 years. If the applicant for license did not know the age of the bride-elect, he had to produce her to the license clerk and let him judge her age. When applicant went after the girl she asked the reason, of course, why she had to go along to get the license. When told that the law required her exhibition, she remarked: "Oh, you've got to show me, have you?" This occurred many times during the first year or so of the law's effectiveness, and became a by-word. This expression has also been accredited to Judge Thomas J. C. Flagg, of Louisiana, Mo., and Willard Vandiver, formerly a Representative in Congress.

WRITER OF GOOD STORIES

Something of the Career of Frank H. Spearman, Author of "Nan of Music Mountain."

Frank Hamilton Spearman has written better stories of railroading in the mountain states of the West than anyone else. He might be called the laureate of pioneer railroading in the Rockies and Sierras.

Mr. Spearman railroaded for a long time before he decided to take up authoring for a living. He knows the game from the ground up. His first



Frank H. Spearman.

novel, "The Nerve of Foley," was published in 1900, and he has been at it steadily ever since.

"Nan of Music Mountain," which we have been fortunate in securing for our next serial, is a love and adventure story. It is a fine, upstanding tale of the high desert lands, and both heroes and villains are real men—strong, reckless, brave. There's not a dull paragraph in the story and we can guarantee that you will like it.

CANADIANS ARE CONFIDENT ALLIES WILL WIN.

Country is Rich Deposit Drain of Men and Munitions—Price of Eggs 75c. Canadians are confident of victory, entirely unwilling to have Germany dictate terms of peace, prosperous through the labors of thousands of aliens, heart and soul for England, is the picture Dr. M. P. Ravenel of University of Missouri draws after a trip to Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

Mr. Ravenel addresses the livestock breeders of the province on the "Tuberculin Test" and "Bovine Tuberculosis," and the dairymen on "Pasteurization and the marketing of Milk Products." The meetings were held under the management of the Department of Agriculture of the province and the University at Saskatoon.

The University has lost one-third of its enrollment by enlistment for foreign service, Mr. Ravenel says. War prices seem prevalent. Butter and eggs are both selling at 75c the pound and dozen. However, money is plentiful because of the farming.

J. H. Rudasill, living over on the Monroe County line, near Long Branch store, will have a sale of live-stock and other personal property, on Thursday, February 7. Twenty head of good horses, cattle and hogs will be sold. Mr. Rudasill will move to Oklahoma City, about the 20th of February, where he will make his home. Oscar Massey will occupy the farm Mr. Rudasill is leaving.

Llewellyn & Sons
Druggists
WEST SIDE SQUARE
Mexico, Mo.

Leo Cold Tablets
25c

Syrup Hoarhound Compound
For Coughs
25c

Toilet Cream
For Chapped Hands and Skin
15c

FARM AND STOCK.

James Hayes, Saling township, is feeding 40 fine mules.

Fred Robert had four loads of fat hogs on the St. Louis market last week.

Hamilton Bros., just south of Mexico, bought two fine jacks in Callaway county paying \$500 for the two.

Noland Huddleston, near Auxvasse, is afflicted with small pox. His good neighbors attended to some live stock shipments for him last week—a shipment going out from Auxvasse and another from McCredie.

According to the Laddonia Herald, Cheever Day has sold his 80-acre farm in Elm Bend school district to Henry Reider at \$65 per acre. It is a fine farm home, one of the best in the county, and we congratulate Mr. Reider on his purchase.

Forty-one out of sixty county farm secretaries, who report to the State Board of Agriculture, say that of all kinds of advertising tried that in local newspapers has proved most effective. An attractively printed catalogue is also regarded as good advertising.

Emmett Davenport, living 3 1-2 miles northwest of Thompson, raised a fine crop of corn last year and has cribbed over 700 bushels which he expects to put on the market soon. He is also grooming a fine span of mules for the spring market.

Word comes to us by way of the West that Phillip Shire, Sr., has just received a large consignment of big fat-hammed frogs from the Southern market. We don't know what Martin Donnelly is going to do as to the frog question this spring. But there'll be something. Wait and see.

E. M. Crooks and Jewell Hodge, both of near Rush Hill, have sold their farms—Mr. Crooks to E. R. and Sam Locke of Mexico, and Mr. Hodge to Herman Schrader. Some months ago Mr. Crooks and Mr. Hodge bought homes near Sikeston, Mo., to which they will move soon. They go to one of the best farming sections of the State and the Message hopes them abundant success.

The St. Louis Live Stock Reporter a few days ago said: Charles Householder, of Audrain county, Mo., had in another load of his Western lambs Wednesday and they brought the same price a load of them brought here Tuesday. The load today contained 138 head that weighed 78 pounds and they sold at \$14.15, which is high as was ever paid on this market for feed lambs with the exception of some at \$14.25 yesterday from San Luis Valley, Colo. Mr. Householder has been in the business of feeding lambs for the market for a good many years and he makes them good so that it is but natural that he should receive the top of the market for them.

Federal Aid to Farmers.

Any farmer in the United States who is thinking about building a house, barn, silo, corncrib, or other farm structure, and wants to get from Uncle Sam drawings and blueprints for a model structure, can now write to the office of the public roads and rural engineering of the department of agriculture at Washington and get them free. The agricultural department has prepared designs including various types of farmhouses, barns, silos, a hay shed, sheep sheds, a corncrib, a combined wagon shed, machinery shed and shop and a poultry house. Soon the designs of various types of hog houses will be furnished. Farmers who want Uncle Sam's assistance must tell the department where they live, just what kind of a structure they are contemplating, how much they want to spend, and so on, and the department will then do its best to furnish a suitable design with a view of meeting the needs of the farmer in the south, the farmer in the north, the man on a reclamation project, and so on. The department plans to issue a catalog in the near future containing illustrations of all the designs for the various kinds of farm buildings which it has prepared so that farmers who can contemplate building operations can select their drawings from the catalog. In the meantime, such plans will be sent as seem to meet the needs of any particular situation.

Once an appropriate farm name has been chosen, there is need of good taste, discriminating judgment and wisdom in its use, says W. L. Nelson. Even when the name is used as a trade mark, used commercially, it should not be in a fashion to offend the best taste. The name should be used for identification, rather than as an advertisement. A carefully

Public Sale!

Wednesday, January 31, 1917

Having rented my farm, I will sell to the highest bidder on the above date at my farm 5 miles southwest of Benton City and 11 miles southeast of Mexico, the following personal property.

150 Head of Live Stock

HORSES AND MULES—1 bay mare 16 hands high, family broke; 1 brown saddle mare, gentle for children; bay saddle mare, 15 hands; saddle gelding, 2 years old, draft colt; team work mules, 3 and 4, well broke; yearling mare mule; 2 yearling horse mules.

21 HEAD OF COWS—Extra good Jersey cow, 6 years old; 2 Short-horn cows, 2 and 3 years old. The above cows are all giving milk. 2 heifer calves.

On the same day and place W. J. and J. H. Baker will sell 14 high grade Angus Cows that will calve in the spring by a good Angus bull, yearling Angus bull; team two-year-old horse mules.

46 HEAD OF HOGS—6 brood sows; purebred Duroc Jersey 5 grades, will farrow middle of March; 40 head of stock hogs will average 50 pounds.

66 HEAD OF SHEEP—65 three-year-old ewes, bred to Shropshire ram, will lamb last half of March. These ewes have plenty size and will shear a good fleece. One Shropshire ram, 3 years old.

FEED—700 bushels of corn and 300 bushels of oats, 15 acres sheaf oats, 3 tons rye hay, 2 tons baled hay, 2 tons straw, 20 shocks cane. Farm wagon, 2 low wheel wagons, corn crusher, 2 disc cultivators, six-shovel cultivator, corn planter, smoothing harrow, mower, corn harvester.

TERMS—All sums of \$10 and under, cash. Over that amount a credit of 6 months will be given by approved note bearing 8 per cent interest from date.

COL. O. B. JOHNSON, Auctioneer. J. J. F. Johnson, Clerk.

Dinner will be served by the Ladies of Benton City Christian Church.

Sale begins promptly at 10:00 a. m.

R. J. OFFUTT

lettered sign on the front gate, the R. F. D. mail box, or on a small board made for the purpose is to be recommended. Letter paper and envelopes should always bear the farm name. The farmer who neglects to use printed stationery is missing a great opportunity to advertise his business. In this day and age no farmer can afford to conduct his correspondence on blank stationery, or worse still, on cheap, shoddy stuff containing the advertisement of some city concern. A small half-tone illustration showing the farm home, the entrance where the name is displayed, or even some of the leading products of the farm, may be used as a trade mark and also on stationery. Many others prefer only the farm name, the name of the owner, and the post office address. The material for stationery should, if possible, be secured through some local firm, preferably the newspaper, which can and should be of great assistance in advertising the farm and its products. It is worth much to have the newspaper make liberal use of the farm name, even in its news columns.

W. W. Johnson sold to Hamilton Bros., a fine jack last week for \$200.

Skidmore, Mo., Jan. 17.—A few years ago Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, who lives east of this place, invested money she had earned by weaving carpets, in a heifer calf.

The calf grew to be a cow and, in time, furnished a heifer calf as a wedding present to each of Mrs. Cunningham's five children.

Mrs. Cunningham still has three young cows left for herself; but she sold the mother cow a few days ago and with the proceeds of the sale she bought a buggy.

FARM LOANS.

\$1,000,000.00 to loan on farms in Audrain and adjoining counties. Rate 5 per cent and very reasonable commission charge. The money is ready for you.

J. W. DRY, Agent,
Mexico, Mo.

Fresh Meats, Groceries

FRESH MEATS AND GROCERIES. The Best Goods for the Least Money. Cash Paid For FAT STOCK, HIDES and PRODUCE. Both phones.

Frank A. Sannebeck,

"Which One Won?"

Given by Older Boys and Girls of
COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL.
At the Community Church, Rush Hill, Missouri,
JANUARY 27, 8 o'clock p. m.

CHARACTERS

Matilda Sawyer, very neat	Maude Cornett
Jonathan Sawyer, her husband	Oscar Erdel
Lizzie Perkins, a neighbor	Ruth Stuart
Adolphus Perkins, her husband	Lee Sonwalt
Martha Curtis, a widow	Edna Erdel
Dick Curtis, her son	Melton Smith
Rodney Stone, choleric and unscrupulous	Pete Baehr
Margery Stone, his daughter	Leona Kircher
Susan Taylor, Margery's cousin	Norma Kircher
William Green, Susan's admirer	Otto Sonwalt
Ell Gant, the Sheriff	Thoma Smith
Toddy Jackson, a colored boy	Lewis Fox

SYNOPSIS

ACT I. Matilda's Trials—Dick's unexpected return—The missing papers—A meeting of former playmates—Dick's Determination.

ACT II. "Two unprotected Women"—Susan's fright, Susan has a caller—Courtship under difficulties—Why didn't Dick come?—Margery's courage.

ACT III. Preparations for tea party—Dick tries to explain—Rodney Stone and the Sheriff—Dick has the upper hand—"For My Sake, Dick,"—Love Wins.

Admission, 15c — 25c.

This office is equipped to do all kinds of Job Work at right prices. A reasonable share of your patronage is solicited.